

APRIL 2004

CORE VALUE OF THE MONTH:

Constant Challenge To Improve

A constant challenge to improve
during and after our Loyola careers.

By: Ed Ra

Writing about a core value of a Jesuit institution like Loyola College must begin with considering the mission of the Jesuits themselves. Many of you have heard the Jesuit motto “Ad maiorem Dei gloriam,” meaning “for the greater glory of God.” This motto means many things to me, but something that jumps out at me when I think of this motto in terms of Loyola College’s core values is that we would be hard pressed to live “for the greater glory of God” without challenging ourselves to improve everyday. Consequently, the core value stated as a “Constant Challenge to Improve” seems to go hand in hand with the motto of the Jesuits themselves.

This core value more than any other defines my experience at Loyola whether it be in the classroom or through my work with SGA. Each year at Loyola I have taken on an increased responsibility in the SGA for one main reason: I always wanted to do more. This has brought me from a quiet Freshmen Class Senator to the Senior Class President. Some might point to this particular example as being more of a case of me not being satisfied with what I was doing rather than a personal challenge to improve. However, challenging yourself does not in any way imply that you are dissatisfied with what you are doing. I can personally attest to the fact that the work I have done in SGA has always been satisfying for me regardless of how big or small the initiative is.

We can all find things we are satisfied with that we nonetheless would like to improve in some way. I doubt any of you that would claim to be "satisfied" with your lives are ready to say "OK, I'm done now." Instead you want to move on to Graduate School or a fulfilling career. The constant challenge to improve encourages and even requires us to be constantly looking for the things that we can do for the betterment of ourselves and those around us. This is what Loyola is attempting to prepare us to do, but our professors and friends can only take this so far. It is up to each of us to issue the challenge to improve to ourselves as well as our friends and classmates. Only after we have instilled this core value into a value that we live by on an everyday basis, will we ultimately be able to live "for the greater glory of God."

Frank Golom's Farewell

To the Loyola College Community:

When this year's Student Government Association took its first formative steps last May, its members wanted to make certain that we had a vision for the organization. As class presidents were elected and each Executive Cabinet member appointed, that vision became abundantly clear. **Through its leadership and dedication to the student body, the 2003-2004 SGA sought to create an environment at Loyola in which its many and varied members could come together and feel of value. Building a truly vibrant and inclusive campus community was our ultimate goal.**

As the year draws to a close and as my own time at Loyola concludes, I would like to tell myself that we have been largely successful. It is unreasonable to think that every member of the Loyola family will become involved in the very fabric of campus, but it is certainly reasonable to give each person the opportunity to do so. From Forum Fridays to Fall Football Classic, from Initium Week to Loyolapalooza, I have always wished to see all of you come together as one and have your talents and passions be recognized in some way.

To the underclassmen, I sincerely hope that you continue to create a vibrant and inclusive campus community. Acknowledge your abilities, yourselves, to push forward in an affirmative. Respect each other always, and challenge yourselves to bring to the table are of inestimable value to this campus' very well being. I trust you will not let down this year's SGA.

And to my fellow seniors, I hope that you continue to create vibrant and inclusive communities as well. Recall as we grow apart that not all transitions are ends, and that no end or transition could dissolve the many things we have accomplished here. Carry fondness in your heart for this institution and the many individuals who have worked tirelessly for your betterment. Wherever it is you choose to go and whatever it is you choose to do, practice reciprocity and work tirelessly for theirs always.

We will forever be indebted to the many, many great things Loyola has provided us. As a student of this college, as President of the SGA, and as someone who has questioned on numerous past occasions both the values of this campus and his reasons for remaining here, I would be doing you all an incredible disservice if I failed to point that out.

Loyola is in all areas a better place than it has ever been. I am so glad that I stayed both to witness and be a part of this progress.

Sincerely,

Frank Golom
Student Government Association President
2003-2004

GOODBYE FROM THE EDITORS

This is the FINAL issue of the SGA Newsletter "*Come Together*" for this year. We would just like to take a minute to say how much we have enjoyed working on this project and hope that you have all enjoyed it as well. The best part for us has been to see our vision and ideas become reality! For this we would like to extend a special thank you to Katie Swartz, our Graphics Design and Layout Specialist as well as the editors and staff at The Greyhound. We would also like to thank the entire SGA for all of their support and submissions to the Newsletter and every member of the Loyola Community who provided us with additional articles and insight. We have tried to incorporate important information into this newsletter as well as highlight the positive things that are occurring on this campus every day. Thanks so much and we hope that you continue to enjoy the Newsletter in years to come!

Kelly Crossett- Chief of Staff
Katie Vannucci- Director of Student Affairs

SGA Member of the Month



ASHLEY BERTRAND

My name is Ashley Bertrand and I am the Director of Resident Affairs for the Student Government Association. I am a Junior at Loyola with a major in Communications and Advertising and a minor in Marketing. My job with the SGA for the past year is to act as a liaison between the organization and Student Life in order to produce benefits for the student body. Along with this position, I am the President of the Resident Affairs Council (RAC), which also has me working with Student Life on similar issues.

Throughout the year I have worked on various events for the Fall Football Classic, RAC week, assisting with Resident Assistant evaluations, various area programs and co-sponsorships of campus events, and Little Siblings Weekend. The main goal of both groups is to make sure the student body is comfortable in their school environment, but at the same time they are having fun.

My current project with SGA is a book called "Baltimore at Large" which will be distributed to the freshmen class next year. This guide will tell the "newbies" all about the hot spots and the ins-and-outs of Baltimore. In addition, "Baltimore at Large" will help the incoming freshmen with their transition to college life, especially considering this is their first time away from home. If you have any questions or concerns about resident life here at Loyola please feel free to contact me at Abertrand1@loyola.edu. I'd be more than willing to help with whatever is on your mind.

CLASS PRESIDENT UPDATES

Hey Class of 2007!

Second semester has brought us both closer together and further away from being a freshman. Before you know it, we'll be out of our first year, and a quarter of the way done with college. Although when you look back, it seems as though the time has flown by (which it has), we have done a lot of fun things this year that are worth remembering.

Let us not forget the good times which have become a trademark of our great class, and which has brought us closer together than I could have ever hoped. We started off the year by being the first freshman class in history to beat the sophomores in the Fall Football Classic. We bonded over class BBQ's, a spring semi-formal, and class games. No matter what we did, it was an awesome part of our college experience, and I feel honored to have been given the opportunity to lead the class in this very important year.

As the year comes to a close and a new one begins, we will all be taking on different tasks and schedules in the upcoming year. Harry Harp will take over as class of 2007 president, and I will be taking over as student body vice president. Wherever next year brings us, we will always have the memories of our first year at Loyola, and the knowledge that the foundation was laid for another great year ahead.

...all soon, take it easy for now!

-Blair
Freshman Class President

The Sophomore Soapbox

Wow, this year has flown by!!

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for allowing me to be your president. I have had more fun doing this job than I could have ever imagined. We are an awesome class and the next two years are going to be even better.

Second, I want to thank all of you who went on the boatacious boat cruise. It was a success. I hope all of you had a great time.

Third, there will be a Sophomore Bye, Bye BBQ at the end of the year to celebrate a great year and enjoy each others company for a last time since many of us will be going our separate ways studying abroad in all different countries and at different times. So keep reading those emails for details of super sophomore events and lists of more great involved sophs!!!!

-Jill Davis, Sophomore President

Class of '05...

What a year it has been for the junior class of 2005. We went to great lengths, literally and figuratively, to further our education and expand our minds—and we managed to have one hell of a time along the way. While almost half of us shipped off around the world to study abroad, the other half of us held down the fort here at Loyola in new and stylish fashion. Rocking our LC trucker hats, we struck it rich at the inaugural Greyhound Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, flashed our peculiarly polished skills at the 3rd Annual Pong Tournament, and welcomed each other back from around the world at the Abroad Reception. Although we lost a hard fought battle to the seniors in the Fall Football Classic, our girls came through with an amazing second half to embarrass the arrogant senior broads and keep the game close.

Our amazing year came in with a bang and out with a roar as we united at Loyolapalooza, gave a helping hand to the Baltimore community through Habitat for Humanity, and cut a rug at the unforgettable end of the year formal downtown at the Marriott.

2003-2004 was certainly a time for growth and change. Whether we were overseas or here on campus, our class grew closer together as we met and bonded with more of our classmates as we missed our friends in other countries. New friends, majors, cultures, and experiences were just a few of the links that brought us together and gave us a sense of pride in being part of the class of 2005.

These first three years have flown by, yet I feel as though I've known some of you forever. We still have one year left in college—arguably the best one. Let's be sure not to take it for granted. Let those dreams become realities. Don't wait for tomorrow, because before you know it, we'll be walking across stage at graduation. Make it the best you can and go out on top with no regrets. In a year we'll be taking the world by storm. In the meantime, don't forget that *these are the years to remember*, so live it up while you can, and take it easy. Based on the successes of this past year, I can only hold my breath and wait for senior year.

A million memories later, and the only words that come to mind are thank you. It has been a pleasure serving as your Class President; you've made it an incredible year.

...J. Pawlowski
Junior Class President

Seniors,

Looking back on the last four years is for me a monumental task. I remember the Professors I had and the classes I took, but most of all I think of the people I have met. The friends we have made here have had more of an impact on our lives than any of us could have imagined. The memories of our time with them are the memories that will shine brightest whether we are looking back 6 months after graduation or ten years down the road.

Each of us has matured current self during our time at Loyola and your environment has played a major role in this process. If there is one thing I can hope for the future for all of you it is that those who have played such a vital role in our lives here at Loyola will continue to be there for us for years to come. Always remember that no matter where we end up in our futures we will never stop being members of the Class of 2004 at Loyola College.

I would like to conclude by thanking each one of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Class President for the past year. I hope you have all enjoyed the results of the effort your Class Reps have put forth all year long to make this year more special for our class. This year has been a truly memorable and rewarding experience for me, and that is thanks to all of you. You have left your mark on Loyola, Class of 2004 and you should take pride in being linked to this group for the remainder of your lives.

Ed Ra
Senior Class President

Text Information from the SGA College Service Committee

To Our Fellow Uninformed Students:

As the hectic exam period quickly approaches and our monetary funds begin to dwindle, the additional stress that results from selling back our textbooks is even more frustrating. Perhaps an understanding of how the Buy- Back process works will lead to preventing unnecessary anger, throwing your books out the window, and casting the evil eye to the cashier at the bookstore.

Here it goes. First, the Bookstore asks all of our professors to submit their book orders for the following semester by a specified date. A student gains the most value (up to 50% of the purchasing price) when the required book is on a faculty member's list for next semester at the time of the Buy- Back. The benefits do not stop there!

A successful Buy-Back translates into more used books available for purchase. When a student buys a used book the following semester, they may save 25% as opposed to paying the publisher's list price for a new book.

Contrary to popular Loyola myth, the Bookstore is *your* bookstore and makes a valiant effort to accommodate the needs of the students and the faculty. Spring is in the air and the whole college community is very busy. However, we have confidence that with the patience of the students, the dedication of the Bookstore staff, and the cooperation of the faculty, the Textbook Buy- Back process will be a more pleasant and profitable experience for all. With this newfound information, we hope our fellow students will think twice before angrily storming out of our bookstore!

Sincerely,

Your College Services Committee,
Student Government Association

Letters From The NEW!

2004 - 2005 Student Government

Hey Everyone,

I would like to begin by saying THANK YOU to those who supported Blair and I in this year's election. It was a tough race and I am very appreciative of the honor that you have chosen to bestow upon me. I can assure all of you, regardless of who you voted for, that I will be giving this job 110% and am very excited about the upcoming year.

We have already initiated discussions with Technology Services, the Colltown Network and the Career Center, as well as a few local businesses, and will continue to work on our campaign goals over the summer and into next year. The projects we have proposed are difficult, however we feel that by getting an early start and working cooperatively with other college offices, every one of them is a real possibility. Although we are excited to work on these specific projects, the SGA will also be working on awesome events and other ideas. This coming week we will be starting to plan Initium Week 2004 as well as discussing our overall goals and individual projects for the year.

On this page you will find a list of the newly appointed members of next year's SGA Executive Cabinet. These are the individuals that will be working for you next year to make Loyola a better place for all of us. As a group and individually, they are intelligent, motivated, caring and amazing student leaders. I am excited to begin working with them and each of you should feel lucky to have them working on your behalf.

As always, please feel free to contact me at kccrossett1@loyola.edu if you have any questions, comments or concerns about SGA or Loyola in general. Good luck on finals and enjoy your summer. Get ready to kick it up a notch in the fall!

-Kelly Crossett, President of the Student Government Association

Hey Guys,

Last update of the year and then we're outa here until next fall when it starts again! Until then I have a few things that I want to leave you all with.

First of all, to the freshmen, I really appreciate everything you guys have done for me (votes, confidence, showing up at the events, and just being you...). I owe it all to you guys and know that I am never going to forget my time as freshmen class president. Secondly, to the rest of the school, I am grateful and humbled that you have chosen me for your vice president next year. I will do my best not to let you down in any way. As vice president I plan on both working closely with Kelly and her initiatives, as well as holding true to my own goals and projects.

I see the position of VP as a social position that stays in touch with the students as well as administration, and can hopefully bridge the gap between the two. I will be continuing with the same type of social activities that I have had for the freshmen (on a larger scale of course), as well as working tirelessly on the goals Kelly and I laid out in our campaign. I know that next year is going to be awesome and I can't wait to get started. I invite you guys to sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride...

Blair Puscas, Vice President of the Student Government Association

Class of 2005,

My name is Dana Matthews and I will be serving as your Senior Class President next year. I know many of you already but I am looking forward to getting to know those of you who I don't this coming year. I am anxiously awaiting the start of our senior year and I am already planning great events for our class. Aside from the typical senior class events like the countdown nights to graduation, pub-crawls, the FFC, and senior week, I would also like to implement new traditions as well. A senior class trip to the Price is right, temporary 5 minute parking by Primos for east side residents that are sick of Boulder, a senior class St. Patrick's Day party, more drinking events since we are finally 21, and so much more. These are just some of the many ideas that I have for next year. I can't promise that I will be able to accomplish all of my goals, but I promise to dedicate my time and effort to ensure that we have the best, most memorable senior year. I would love to hear your ideas and suggestions to help me achieve this goal. We have one year left; let's make the most of it.

Have a great summer and I'll see you in the Fall,
Dana Matthews, President of the Class of 2005

Class of 2006,

I am Gary Lamsback and will be your class president for the 2004-2005 school year. I feel that I know many of you on a personal level, but for those of you I do not know, I will make my best efforts to be a friend. I can't wait for next year so that we, as a class, can get things going. There are millions of crazy ideas that I have ready for our class next year, such as inflatable Loyola College furniture and a formal that will be as good, if not better than the boat.

However, there is one main thing that I am planning to focus on. This relates to the students who are going abroad. Leaving campus is a completely different experience, and I can promise that I will work very hard to make sure that you still feel like a strong member of the Loyola College community even when you are away. To those of you who are staying, I look forward to sharing the best year at Loyola with you here on campus. Junior year is a very important year at Loyola, and I promise that I will do everything that I can to make it memorable for everyone.

-Gary Lamsback, President of the Class of 2006

Class of 2007,

My name is Harry Harp and I'm going to be sophomore class president for next year. It was a close race between Bernie and myself, but I'm happy to say that we will both be able to serve the school next year because Bernie was appointed to the SGA Executive Cabinet as Assistant Director of Finance and Administration. Some people say that sophomores get lost in the shuffle of the college experience, but I'm just going to go ahead and disagree with that right now, because our class next year is going to set the new standard. Does everyone know how to throw a Frisbee? If not, come over and I'll teach you because you're going to want to know in the fall when I get Class of 2007 Frisbees. One thing I'm going to do next year is get stuff done right away. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to utilize the new ketchup dispensers in Primo's, I know I have, and we'll be working on getting those in Boulder as well. Since that was really my only idea during the campaign, I would love to hear from anyone about what you want to see your SGA do next year. Please send me any of your ideas, at hjharp@loyola.edu, ASAP so it looks like I know what I'm doing in the fall. Thanks a lot, and have a great summer. And don't forget to wear sunscreen, especially all you Irish folk.

Harry Harp, President of the Class of 2007

2004-2005 EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBERS

Director of Academic Affairs:

Joe Weidenburner

Director of Communications:

Jen Zimmerman

Director of Community Relations:

Ashley Bertrand

Director of Commuter Affairs:

Lara Morrell

Director of Diversity: Nia Billings

Director of Finance and Administration:

Bobby Szabo

Assistant Director of Finance and

Administration: Bernie Murphy

Director of Resident Affairs: Brian Coyle

Director of Social Affairs: TBD

Director of Student Affairs:

Kristin Rezzetano

Director of Technology: Pete Zebrowski

Chief of Staff: Jess Koontz

2004-2005 ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

CLASS OF 2007

Alexis Aloï

Melissa Bergenty

Brittany Conahan

Paul Cubita

Michael Hardy

Jamaal Jones

Dan McGovern

Brendan Root

CLASS OF 2006

Christopher Boyle and John McNamara

James Foehr

Andy Grillo

Natalie Heinold and Anne Bongiovanni

Marie Lawless

Andrew LoPresti and Jill Davis

Suzy Pacia

Christine Puccinelli and Bryan

Gunderson

CLASS OF 2005

Christopher Egoïlle

Meredith Gerrish

Trazy Lizza

Lauren Marchetti

Rob Martinello

Elizabeth McKinney

Kieran Smith

Tom Kowalczyk

Loyola offers students a variety of clubs and organizations in which to get involved. This list presented here is just a taste of the variety of clubs. The complete list is available at <http://www.loyola.edu/campuslife/studentactivitiesandorganizations/clubs.html>. Also, if you are interested in club or intramural sports, please check out the Rec Sports webpage at www.loyola.edu/recsports.

- Amnesty International
- Black Students' Association
- Boxing Club
- Christian Fellowship (LCF/IVCF)
- Community Service Council
- Commuter Students' Association
- Dance Company
- Evergreens (Freshmen Orientation Staff)
- Evergreen Annual (yearbook)
- Evergreen Players
- Golf Club
- Greyhound (newspaper)
- Hispanic Club
- International Students' Association
- Ju-Jitsu Club
- JUSTICE
- Loyola College Belles
- Loyola College Chapel Choir
- Loyola College Chimes
- Loyola College Gospel Choir
- Loyola College Jazz Ensemble
- More of the Best
- Operation Smile
- Peer Educators
- Pocket Billiards Club
- Resident Affairs Council (RAC)
- Roots & Shoots
- Snowboarding & Skiing Club
- L.O.C.O.S. (Spirit Club)
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Spectrum (GLBT Support and Awareness)
- The Greyhound Network (TGN 70)
- Toastmasters International
- WLOY (radio station)

Don't Dump, Donate!!!

SENIORS...When you move out this year don't throw away your extra stuff... instead, donate it! There will be a collection of:



- Wearable clothes (good condition)
- Food (non-perishables, unopened, etc)
- School supplies
- Small appliances (functioning irons, CD players, toasters, microwaves, can openers, etc.)
- Household items (ironing boards, dishes, glasses, Rubbermaid items, towels, bedding, blankets, clothing racks, mops, brooms, etc.)
- Toiletries (unopened/unused)
- Small furnishings (night stands, stools, coffee tables, bookcases, etc.)

UNDERCLASSMEN COLLECTION IS FOOD AND CLOTHING ONLY!

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

What/When	Location	Time
Food and Clothing* (any day)	McCauley Lounge Aquinas Lounge Hopkins Court Lounge	Anytime
Small Appliances (Tuesdays/Thursdays of Senior Week)	McCauley Lounge Aquinas Lounge Hopkins Court Lounge	2-3 pm 2-3 pm 2-3 pm

Final Collection!!!! Saturday, May 15 from 3-7pm in your area

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SGA Member of the Month

JILL DAVIS
Sophomore Class President

When I received a phone call over the summer that I was now the Sophomore Class President, I was both excited and nervous at the prospect of my new position. I came into this job not really knowing what to expect but with the help of the current SGA and my class, I began planning the year.

This year has been a really busy. Although, sometimes I feel like the majority of my time is spent emailing and reading emails, my main focus is always on creating a fun, supportive environment for the Class of 2006. My favorite part is trying to think of new and fun activities, events, and fundraisers that everyone can enjoy. This year I have been supported by a terrific group of 8 Assembly members, who have worked extremely hard all year. We have worked as a team to organize everything from awesome Habitat for Humanity experiences to our boatacious cruise this past month. In addition, we have worked on smaller projects such as selling FFC t-shirts and school sweatpants.

The Class of 2006, in my opinion, is the best class to ever walk this campus. This is clearly evident in the numerous students that I am able to feature in my weekly emails. Every week it is a challenge to decide which amazing sophomores to give a shout out to. Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve our class and I hope to continue to work on everyone's behalf in the future.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ...

KAREN THOMAS

The Student Government Association would like to recognize Karen for all of her hard work and ALWAYS having a smile on her face. Without your help and support, this year would not have been nearly as successful....THANK YOU!

TO JUNIORS GOING ABROAD NEXT YEAR...

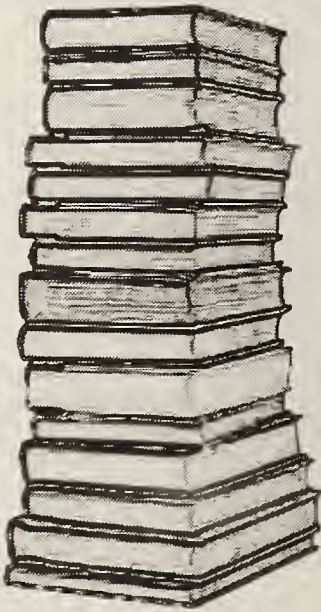
Just remember:

THE WORLD IS IN YOUR HANDS!

Good Luck and Happy Traveling!
Loyola will miss you and will be awaiting your return...

"The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes you think."

James McCosh



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